



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

*WHEREAS, quality, affordable and accessible medical care is essential for the well-being of all citizens; and*

*WHEREAS, physician assistants are often the first point of contact for many patients and can play a significant role in helping patients understand their medical needs and empower them to become effective advocates for themselves; and*

*WHEREAS, physician assistants are academically and clinically prepared to provide healthcare services, including diagnosis and treatment of disease, providing a broad range of diagnostic, therapeutic, preventive and health maintenance services, assist in surgery and prescribe medications with the direction of a supervising physician; and*

*WHEREAS, the physician/physician assistant team enhances the delivery of high quality health care for patients in medically underserved and rural areas; and*

*WHEREAS, a specialized education program in the State of Idaho prepares individuals for this profession; and*

*WHEREAS, the physician assistant profession has set aside the week of October 2nd through the 8th, 2005 as National Physician Assistant Week; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim October 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005, to be*

**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT WEEK**

*in Idaho, and I urge all citizens to join me in extending appreciation and commendation to the members of the Physician Assistant profession for the many valuable services they provide and for their dedication to excellence in health care.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this twenty-seventh day of September in the year of our Lord two-thousand and five and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirtieth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred sixteenth.*

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Devin Burkha in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DEVIN BURKHA  
SECRETARY OF STATE